NITA'S SACRILEGE.

LL "Little Italy" was in a ferment of excitement. From tenement to tenement ran the fire of loud comment, chattering voices, accom-

by the animated gesticulation ich is part and parcel of the Latin's guage. Fathers could be seen shaving, thing and even dressing through open ors or on the doorstop or the fire-escape decades, those summer homes of the

Mothers were busy with refractory chilen to whom unwonted scrubbings and an clothes were a novelty not altogethpleasant, but to be endured because of great event that was to follow, and which all this fuss was preparatory, twas a great day. At last, in this new mirry beyond the seas from sunny Italy, I been granted a great honor by the Father, Pope Pius-no less than the onation in a public park of the famous tue of "Our Lady of Mount Carmel," h all the pomp and ceremonial, the cession of priests and prelates, so dear the Italian heart.

he Italian heart. Stal Nita! Make haste!" called a shrill of the italian heart.

"Nita! Nita! Make haste!" called a shrill olce in strenuous Italian up a flight of lickety stairs, while the mother's fingers aw in and out of the haif-braided trands of her own oily black hair. "High mass begins at 11 and it is now the half-our after 10. Father Dolan will be ill-leased to see us enter on this day of all ays. Make haste with those tangled aris and ribbons of yours—your father as already gone with the little Pietro." A girlish figure in a half-soiled wrapper, er riotons brown tresses still untouched brush or comb. appeared at the top of the stairway. Her big black eyes were spugh burdened with sleep, yet held in the function of the stairway. The spugh burdened with sleep, yet held in the function of the stairway of the stairway is spugh burdened with sleep, yet held in the function of the stairway of the stairway is spugh burdened with sleep, yet held in the function of the stairway of the stairway is spugh burdened with sleep, yet held in the function of the stairway of the stairway is spugh burdened with sleep, yet held in the function of the stairway of the stairway is spught as instinctive.

effilness by the restless fire beneath don't want to go, madre mia." she pleadingly, yet with an instinctive, ing of herself for opposition. It came the rapidity of a cataputt ball. The shricked her mother violently, ing to glower up at her. "Not going be festa or La Madonna del Carmine' going to see the two wonderful was, one for Our Blessed Lady and other for the Infant Jesu—set with the y jeweis! The child is mad! Think there are many diamonds—twenty-of them given by his Hollness the shimself, as well as a huge emerald—sapphires like the skies of our own land—and pearls, all worth many sand lire! And the people—over fifty is and one!"

torrent of tropical objurgation dine torrent of tropical only gather we with such overwhelming force up stairway, overbore Nita's opposition she reluctantly turned into the tiny k room behind her to get ready. But I will not kneel to the Madonna delmine." she resolved obstinately in her milent little soul, where rankled a very ked, black thought, as she donned her dress and scratch kerchief, and has-

plack thought, as she donned her so and scarlet kerchief, and hassed up her curis. "Did I not give tened upon her robe my beautiful i, in teken of my thanksgiving do loved me? And now she has leked Guilletta beguile him away a who already has a husband re else—and my heart is full of How can I bear to see him with "?".

s a hard lump in her throat as her mother, whose toilet had leted on the sidewalk in front or. They hurried toward the nurch. They could scarcely edge through the door. Nita's jeal-is she genuflected before squeez-crowded seat, caught a glimpse is lover across the sea of bowed her hated rival in the pew just him. The sore heart of the as though a knife had beet

pray!" she said to herself of pray: she said to herself upright to her mother's scan-approval. "The Madonna del false—she takes my gifts and oo." Here the wicked thought of she in her mind. least you might take your coral pin it whispered, then went on more now that she was listening. "You pin it onto Guilletra's dress in the and the priest will think she took the curse of the sacrilege will be

ta heard no more of the long mass ita heard no more of the long mass one of the high, intoned Latin words a note of the beautiful chants reached evers—she was lengued with the tempt—When the people were streaming out the church and the famous statue was in lifted down from He niche in the 1, ready for its triumphal afternoon dession toward the park, Nita pressed ward, her gulity heart throbbing vioty in superstitious fear, and brushed se against the gorgoous silk mantle trobed the statue, after the custom of Latin countries. It was done in an tant, and when she pushed onward in crowd, she held her recovered treastight in her hand. She had profuned Holy Madonna! a the thrill of terror at the thought.

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or from her mother's side, she el-cer way unnoticed across to a cor-must pass on the way out, and

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waited. As they went by, too absorbed to see her, she slipped out, pressed close be-hind the pair and with deft. light fingers fastened the coral pin in Glulletta's gay ribbon belt. The deed was done!

It was a week later. Tonlo was very lonesome. Giulietta was doing penance for her supposed wickedness, discovered the day of the fests by the priest in charge, who had recognized and restored to the Madonna the coral pin she was wearing and, despite her refusal to confess and her protestations of innocence, and imposed upon her a month's silence and solltude in her tenement room. Not yen her mother was allowed to speak to ser, wherefore Tonlo found time hanging heavily on his hands.

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His thoughts returned, like homing birds, to Nita, whom, he suddenly remembered, he had neglected of late in the glamor of the newer attraction. It was only a stolen kiss on the way home from Coney Island, but now he remembered it. He did not know how Nita's loving little heart had gone into that kiss. But it was rather pleasant, he reflected—Nita was a sweet girl anyway—he would stroll over to see her in the cool of the evening.

He found her sitting on the stoop watching with listless gaze a crowd of noisy children playing in the street. As he mounted the step, he saw toars in her eyes, those big, soft eyes that had looked love into his face that last night on the boat. The sight moved him strangely. He sat by her until twillight came and the moon rose ever the patch of the East river that showed at the foot of the street.

The queer feeling in his careless heart

He was quite certain about it. Impulsively he began to tell her of it, his arm slipping about her lithe waist as he repeated the old, old story.

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"And so," he ended up softly in the liquid love-tones which come so musically tender in no other language. "Nita, cara mia, the adoro—will you be mine?"

To his vast surprise, the girl burded her head in his encircling arm. Rissing his hand remore-fully, and shook with tumultuous sobbing. La Madonna del Carmine had given back her lover after all her terrible guilt and these dreadful days and nights of terror and repentance. So her story came out amid many tears and much grief.

"And now you will never love me again," she sobbed heartbrokenly, turning away from the precious gift for which she had committed such deadly sin, and which now shut her out from her promised land, "But it was because I loved you so."

It was an excuse which appeals to most men, even the hardest-hearted—and Tonio was not one of these. Again he took her in his arms and soothed her with loving words. "But," he added judicially, "you must confess to the priest and take Gluictate's penance—it will probably be a double one—but I will help you all I can—for I love you, dear."

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The queer feeling in his careless heart grew more insistent as they talked and all at once he knew what had happened to him—he loved Nita—he must have her.

"St, al," agreed Nita eagerly, smiling through her tears—she would have walked over red-hot ploughshares if only Tonlo over debut ploughshares if only Tonlo would go with her and tower the Tonlo mon and give to Giulietta my sik scarf—all that I have in the world of levels or of penance would I give for you. Tonlo mlo—and, oh! if Our Blessed Lady will absolve me this once, I will never, never be wicked again."

The moon smiled around the corner of a tall chimney at the two sitting so close together on the step of the old tenement, then kindly disappeared, leaving them in friendly darkness.

SOCIETY

The hop at Fort Douglas last evenng, given by the officers and ladies of the garrison, was attended by a large number from the city and the evening proved a complete success. The music by the orchestra of the regimental band was better than ever and rendered a programme of old favorites as well as new music for waltzes and two-steps. The hall locked very pretty with its patriotic decorations and the guests were received by Major and Mrs. Smith, Captain and Mrs. Wells, Capt. Madden and his mother, Mrs. Madden. At 11 o'clock refreshments were served in the Officers' club, and shortly after the city guests departed for their homes, after a truly delight-

ful evening. An elaborate and enjoyable dinner was the one given last evening in the private dining-room at the Knutsford by Dr. and Mrs. McEnery, covers beby Dr. and Mrs. McEnery, covers being laid for sixteen. The round table
was beautifully arranged and the decorations were American Beauties, with
the lights shaded to harmonize. The
menu was of the choicest and as the
guests comprised many congenial peopie the direct was a complete success. ple, the dinner was a complete success Afterward the party went to the the ater to enjoy "The Adventure of Lad Ursula," as interpreted by Miss Florence Roberts. Dr. and Mrs. McEnery's guests were Dr. and Mrs. Francis S. Bascom, Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Allison, Dr. and Mrs. Alexander C. Ewing, Judge and Mrs. William C. Hall, Mrs. C. D. Clark of Wyoming, Mrs. Thomas Kearns, Mrs. R. S. Miller, Maj. Harry C. Hill, Dr. John F. Critch-low and Hon. E. L. White of Boston.

One of the bright debutantes created considerable fun at the University club dancing party Tuesday evening. The Tribune issued an extra for the San Francisco prize fight, and one of these papers was taken to the club long before the midnight hour. The voine girl secured it and between two young girl secured it and between two dances read to her court the account of the ball, then in progress, as it ap-peared in the paper, and the reading was followed by much comment.

. . . After an absence of several weeks Samuel Newhouse returned from the East yesterday, and will remain in his town house for some time. Mrs. Newhouse has also returned from San Francisco, where she had been with Mrs. N. C. Goodwin. While no large events are planned at this home it is likely that its drawing-room will be the scene of many hospitable gatherings during the winter. ings during the winter.

The marriage of Miss Inez Vaughan Trent and Bertram S. Varian will be rolemnfzed Saturday at 8 a. m. at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Trent, formerly of this city but now of Van Trent. Placer county, California. Immediately after the ceremony the bride and groom will leave for Portland via the Shasta Boute and will be in that city a short time prior to making their home. In time prior to making their home in Weiser. They have many friends here at home who will extend all good

The attendance at the Country club yesterday for the last day of table d'hote luncheons, was very large, and an enjoyable afternoon was passed. Among those who entertained at informal luncheons for a few friends were Mrs. J. E. Bamberger and Mrs. R. H. Officer.

Miss Kate Williams entertained at luncheon at the Country club yesterday in honor of Miss Kenyon and Mrs. Ackland-Hood, who are visiting the Kirkpatricks.

Mrs. Albert Walker will entertain at Mrs. Albert Walker theater party tonight.

A large dancing party is to be given at Christensen's on December 22. Yesterday being the birthday of Mrs.

Yesterday being the birthday of Mrs. Thomas Kearns, her mother planned and executed an agreeable surprise by inviting a dozen intimate friends to a luncheon. The event was well carried out and the menu and decorations were all that could be desired. During the serving of the menu Mrs. Kearns was further surprised by the presentation of a handsome cut-glass perfume botof a handsome cut-glass perfume bot-tle. The guests enjoyed the afternoon immensely and the one in whose honor they had assembled was equally delighted with the kindly thought be-hind the social entertainment.

S. H. Auerbach will leave on the lim-

ited today noon on his return to New

Mrs Frank Kennedy has returned to her home in Anaconda after a pleasant visit with Mrs. Ellenbecker.

Mrs. Aaron Leavitt has returned from a visit to Evanston.

Mrs. Joseph H. Young is now at home at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Lawrence for the next few

Mrs. Jule Smith of Butte, Mont., is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. L. Mitchell. Mrs. Smith will leave next week (Monday) for Tonopah, Nev., where she will Join her husband.

The mission circle of the First Baptist church will meet with Mrs. D. A. Brown, 12 Kendall terrace, this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Mrs. Brown will give a map exercise on Japan, Mrs. W. A. Robinson, current events; Mrs. C. J. McNitt, a review of Dux Christus; Mrs. Bruce Kinney, paper on Japan.

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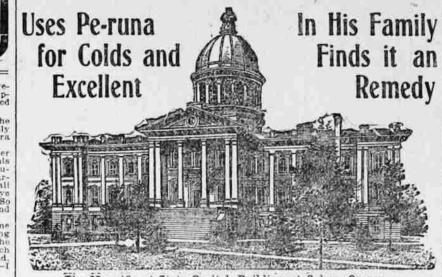
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